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BE MADE TO ABDUCT HIM ON 26 MAY. IDEN A SAID THAT SOURCE OF INFO WAS IDEN C. ⁵ ABDUCTION, BY UNIDENTIFIED ABDUCTORS, TO BE EXECUTED IN IDEN A RESIDENCE IN BERLIN. ACTING ON IDEN A INSTRUCTIONS, ³ ⁶ ALERTED IDEN D, WHO DESIGNATED HIS "CHIEF OF STAFF" (PRESUMABLY IDEN ⁷ E) TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF AFFAIR. CHIEF OF STAFF GAVE ¹ HIS "SECRET" PHONE NUMBER AND TOLD HIM THAT A HOUSE BELONGING TO ⁸ LINGLOE BERLIN WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR IDEN A IF NEEDED. BERLIN POLICE WERE ALSO ALERTED.

⁵ ¹ SAID THAT IDEN C WAS PICKED UP IN MAINZ "BY PRIVATE PLANE" AND BROUGHT TO BERLIN, WHERE ON 26 MAY HE AND IDEN B CONFERRED WITH IDEN A. ³ PLAN WAS DEVISED TO TRAP AND APPREHEND ABDUCTORS. 26 MAY PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

⁶ ¹ THEN SUGGESTED TO IDEN A THAT ALERT BE CANCELLED. IDEN A REPLIED THAT MATTER WAS BEING HANDLED BY IDEN C ⁵ "THRU HIS BKTRUST SUPERIORS". SUBSEQUENTLY IDEN A TOLD ³ THAT IDEN C HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT "HIS SUPERIORS" AND THAT IDEN A WAS BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT IDEN C HAD ⁵ FABRICATED STORY RE BKTRUST CONTACT. IDEN A THEN ASKED THAT ¹ CHECK WITH BKTRUST RE MATTER.

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7. (STATION) HQS TRACES RE IDENS B, C AND F IN CONNECTION WITH GEHLEN MEMOIRS AND ALLEGED CONTACT WITH (BKTRUST) ARE CONTAINED IN REF C. ?

8. () WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS RE () ASPECT OF MATTER CLAIMED BY (). HOWEVER, REQUEST NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME.

9. (STATION) HQS COMMENTS. FROM INFO AVAILABLE TO (STATION) IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SUBJECT INCIDENT REPRESENTS CONTINUATION OF IDEN C CLAIMS IN FALL 71 RE "CONNECTIONS WITH (BKTRUST)". BASIS FOR THESE CLAIMS IS NOT CLEAR TO US. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PAST OR CURRENT CONNECTION OR CONTACT BETWEEN IDEN C AND (BKTRUST). HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE HQS RESEARCH RE THIS MATTER AND CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS CORRECT. BASED ON INFO AVAILABLE IN FIELD, WE TEND BELIEVE THAT BASIS FOR IDEN C CLAIMS IS ONE OF FOLLOWING:

A. ON HIS OWN, UNKNOWN TO GEHLEN, HE HAS CHOSEN TO INTERPRET HIS CONTACT WITH GEHLEN, WHOM HE JUDGES HAS BEEN AND/OR IS IN CONTACT WITH (BKTRUST), AS CONSTITUTING "CONTACT WITH (BKTRUST)", OR

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B. GEHLEN IS AWARE THAT IDEN C IS CLAIMING
 TO HAVE CONTACT WITH BKTRUST, AND FOR HIS OWN REASONS, HAS
 CHOSEN NOT TO DISCOURAGE IDEN C FROM MAKING THIS CLAIM.

10. STATION CONSIDERS THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE,
 FROM VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW, TO HAVE IDEN C TELLING LEADING
 GERMANS, OFFICIALS OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, THAT HE IS AFFILIATED
 WITH, OR EVEN IN CONTACT WITH, BKTRUST. THUS PROPOSE TAKE
 FOLLOWING ACTION:

A. HAVE ☐ INFORM ☐ THAT IDEN C'S
 CLAIM OF AFFILIATION WITH, OR CONTACT WITH, BKTRUST IS COM-
 PLETE FALSEHOOD, AND THAT ☐ SHOULD INFORM IDEN A THAT
 HE HAS "CHECKED WITH BKTRUST" (WITHOUT GIVING DETAILS) AND
 BKTRUST HAS STATED THAT IDEN C'S CLAIM IS FALSE.

B. HAVE ☐ INFORM ☐ THAT BKTRUST CANNOT
 JUDGE ACCURACY OF IDEN C'S CLAIMS RE PLANNED KIDNAPPING OF
 IDEN A. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT IDEN C HAS MADE FALSE
 STATEMENTS RE ALLEGED BKTRUST AFFILIATION IN CONNECTION WITH
 KIDNAPPING STORY, BKTRUST TENDS BELIEVE WHOLE MATTER HAS
 BEEN FABRICATED BY IDEN C, FOR UNKNOWN REASONS.

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C. HAVE []² TELL [] THAT LATTER MIGHT INDICATE TO IDEN A THAT BKTRUST WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIS VIEWS AS TO WHY IDEN C⁵ HAS CLAIMED BKTRUST AFFILIATION. (BKTRUST ONLY: WE JUDGE THAT THIS MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON GEHLEN ROLE, IF ANY, IN MATTER.)

D. HAVE () APPROACH GEHLEN INFORMALLY, TELL HIM THAT ("BKTRUST) HQS HAD HEARD" THAT IDEN C⁵, WITH WHOM GEHLEN HAS COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION, HAS BEEN CLAIMING TO BE AFFILIATED WITH BKTRUST, THAT IDEN C⁵ HAS BEEN "INVOLVING" GEHLEN IN THIS CLAIM, AND THAT "BKTRUST HQS" WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING GEHLEN'S VIEWS RE THIS MATTER.

E. HAVE () ADD THAT GEHLEN, AS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF IDEN C⁵, MIGHT WISH TO PASS WORD TO LATTER THAT GEHLEN HAS "HEARD" FROM BKTRUST THAT LATTER IS DISPLEASED THAT IDEN C⁵ HAS BEEN MISREPRESENTING HIMSELF AS BEING AFFILIATED WITH, OR IN CONTACT WITH BKTRUST, AND THAT UNLESS IDEN C⁵ CEASES TO MISREPRESENT HIMSELF, BKTRUST MAY WISH TO "TAKE STEPS" (UNSPECIFIED) TO INSURE THAT IDEN C⁵'S MISREPRESENTATION COMES TO ATTENTION OF "APPROPRIATE PEOPLE".

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11. STATION JUDGES THAT ABOVE ACTIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO MAKE ANY TROUBLE FOR ☒ PROBABLY SHOULD INCREASE HIS PRESTIGE WITH IDEN A, MIGHT SMOKE OUT ANY GEHLEN INVOLVEMENT IN DIEN C'S FALSE CLAIMS, AND (DEPENDENT UPON GEHLEN WILLINGNESS TO PASS WORD TO IDEN C) MIGHT INDUCE IDEN C TO CEASE MISREPRESENTING HIMSELF.

12. REQUEST HQS COMMENTS.

13. FILE 32W-6-209. GP-1

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